Backlog vacancies

3636. SHRI PRAVEEN RASHTRAPAL: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of backlog vacancies as on 31st March, 2004 in the Ministry and various Departments under his Ministry;

(b) whether Special Drive was carried out to fill in the above backlog vacancies;

(c) if so, number of vacancies filled in during the last two years, department-wise; and

(d) the backlog vacancies as on 31st March, 2006?

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) There is no backlog of vacancies in the Ministry of Youth Affairs and Sports as on 31st March, 2004.

(b) and (c) Does not arise

(d) There is no backlog of vacancies in the Ministry of Youth Affairs & Sports as on 31st March, 2006.

Funds for development of sports in NER

3637. SHRI MATILAL SARKAR: Will the Minister of YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS be pleased to state:

(a) the proposals from the North-Eastern States for funds for the development of sports during the financial years 2004-2005 and 2005-06;

(b) the names of projects and the amount required as well as sanctioned or to be sanctioned, State-wise;

(c) whether the Central Government are going to provide special financial support to the N-E States as the North-Eastern Region is having great sports potential;

(d) if so, the details thereof, State-wise; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF YOUTH AFFAIRS AND SPORTS (SHRI MANI SHANKAR AIYAR): (a) and (b) Till 31.3.2005, the Ministry was